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Tells Court It Knew of Bombers

MY DOUGLAS ROBINSON Special to The New York Times

TPALO, Oct. 7 The Cen tral Intelligence Agency disclosed in court today that is had known beforehand that seven World War II bombers were to be exported last year ko Portugal.

In an unusual move, the 'agency opened its files to the public in the case against two men charged with selling the planes to Lisbon without proper authorization.

Four documents, all described as pertaining to the case, were brought to Federal Court here by Lawrence R. Houston, general counsel of the C.I.A. who took the witness stand this afternoon.

Only one of the documents was offered in evidence before the weekend. It showed that i the trial was adjourned for the C.I.A. had been aware of the pending flights four days bethe trip to Portugal!

Before the papers were pullicly exhibited, however, parts relating to C.I.A. sources, codes have later, methods of gathering in Before commation were excised by Fed Marger sai eral Judge John O. Henderson during a meeting with Government lawyers in his chambers.

On trial here are John F. Hawke, a British pilot now live ing in Fort Lauderdale, Fla, ored or that for its own purand Count Henri Marie Francoses the agency did nothing cois de Marin de Montmarin, French airplane broker. Bot The seven planes were flown are accused of violating the Mu. The seven planes were flown nitions Control Act by export across the Atlantic from the ing military planes to a for end of May eign country without a State September. Department license.

'Complete File'

The lawyer for Mr. Hawke Edwin Marger of Miami Beach has contended throughout the trial that the flight of the seven B-26 bombers was a clandestine operation of the C.I.A.

In his testimony today, Mr. Houston said the four documents were the complete file on the case. He told the jury that the information in the first paper was "raw information" that had not been evaluated by the C.I.A. before its dissemination to various Government intelligence in the day a Federal.

The document was dated information from Lisbon had teen sent to intelligence units of the State Department, the Navy, the Air Force, the Army and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It also went to 10 other agencies, "Is this a secret document?" houston replied over the lughter of the spectators.

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The document was dated May 25, 1965, and contained May 25, 1965, and contained information—apparently gathered in Lisbon—that the Portuguese Government had purchased "about 20 B-26 aircraft from a private firm." Which are flown from a base in Texas to Canada where they are moditied for extra fuel tanks to fly the Atlantic via an unknown refueling base."

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Federal Judge John O. Henderson conducts the trial.

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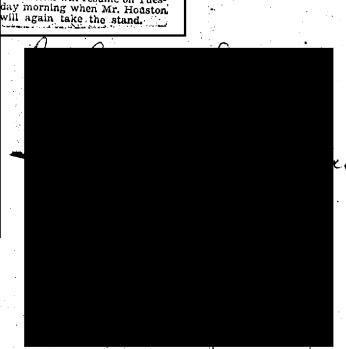
waited.
"I told them about the license. **CPYRGHT** not being there and the F.B.I.

agent said he would talk to the

people in his office and would then telephone me," Mr. Saun-

ders said, "He never called me

. The trial will resume on Tues-



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